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## Get Your Ad. Copy In Early Next Week--Printers Want Something to Be Thankful For Next Thursday

### From Dave Heizer.

A few days ago Charley Dodge received the following letter from the Hon. Dave Heizer, a pioneer of this county, in which he gives a little history of the settlement in this country of Mr. Dodge's father, who died recently.

Dear Charlie:—

Seeing an account of the death of your good old father carries me back nearly forty years in memory to the scene of our first meeting at the old settler store on the bank of the Walnut just west of Fort Zarah, in June or July, 1871. It was just dusk of evening and he and Aaron Hartman came in tired and worn out from a long days tramp up on Blood Creek, and across the divide to the Walnut and on down the Walnut to our "ranch." Will Finn and I were both there both happening to be at home. Your father had been there a short time previous in company with Amos Hubbard and one other, I think, but I was away in the Saline river country at the time. They had found a gang of occupiers. In my absence it seems that old Joe Bowers, who was in charge of Boyd & Bells hogs on the river, and shooting buffalo for them to fatten on, had occupied the cabin in the absence of Finn and I, and a crowd of his convivial friends and knights of the plain had happened in and were having a great time with him. Joe fell early, as he was wont to do, and the ranch, having no caretaker, they substituted Joe's stomach to play cards on, from the fact that he was dead drunk, and I guess they behaved generally in a way to suggest to your father's party that they were bad men, and the presumption is that they were in no wise misrepresenting themselves.

Your father and Aaron were making their beds down after supper when I called to Finn to bring the light to the foot of our bed near the door. He did so, and there was a big rattler which we proceeded to kill and throw out, as a matter of course. Your father and Aaron seemed to be somewhat disturbed about it and began taking up their beds. I made the remark in good faith that there were probably not any more, as this was the second one we had killed that evening. Your father contended that that was assurance that did not sufficiently assure, and he carried his bed out and slept in the wagon, and Aaron on the pile of corn sacks. Our bed was made of course and was against the wall. Several times that summer the rattlers crawled out of the old stone house into our bed and we became somewhat reconciled to the knowledge of their occupation.

The next day we went out and helped your father stake out his claim in section 10-19-13, and in trying to cross the creek got the team mired down and thought at one time we were going to lose them. He was greatly worried over that, always regretted that he had urged a crossing there, but we laughed it all away after we got out.

How he enjoyed those early scenes. He was a good feeling, good all around companionable man, and always took a cheerful and hopeful view of life, loved his family and his friends, and I am glad that he was able to live to such a good ripe old age and enjoy them.

My father, who died in March, 1909, was nearly of the same age, being in his 87th year. He was cheerful and happy in the possession of his faculties up to the very last. These were men of another age and generation. I don't know whether we are any improvement on them or not. We ought to be, with our superior advantages, but are we? I don't feel very vain over the comparison.

With kindest regards to you and yours, and warmest sympathy,  
Sincerely yours,  
David N. Heizer.

Mrs. Ella O'Brien and daughter, Mrs. Fred Kienle have gone to California where they expect to spend the winter.

### Swisegood.

Mrs. Eva Swisegood, wife of A. C. Swisegood, died suddenly Saturday afternoon at the Stanley farm, north-east of town, at which place they had been living the past week. She was only 23 years of age at the time of her death, while his supposed to have been due to an epileptic fit. The coroner was called and decided that death was due to her falling into an epileptic fit and being smothered to death. When the body was found it was lying face down on the pillow. Owing to the peculiar manner of death, a number of rumors have been current about the same, none of them with any foundation.

The deceased had been married about four years, and the home life of herself and husband had been very happy.

The body was taken to Arkansas City for burial. A sister and brother of the deceased live at that place and that was her former home.

### School Report.

The following is the report of school district No. 38, for month ending November 11, 1910:

No. of boys enrolled... 15  
No. of girls enrolled... 12  
Total enrollment... 27  
No. days taught... 20  
Total attendance in days... 266  
Average attendance... 15 11-17  
Those neither absent nor tardy were Clarence Hammer, Edward Hammer, Frank Schartz and Harry Schartz.

Parents and others interested are cordially invited to visit us at all times.—Evelyn Hager.

### School Report.

Report of School District No. 19 for second month ending Nov. 4, 1910:

Total attendance, 14.  
Average daily attendance, 11.  
Following were neither absent or tardy: Esta Becker, Lois Diggs, Edna Becker, Opal Diggs, Roberta Diggs and Clara Flanders.  
Those absent but not tardy: John Hancock, Susie Hancock and Floy Walker.

Patrons and friends of the school are invited.  
Myrtle Beckman, Teacher.

### School Report.

Report of Heizer school for the month ending November 11, 1910:  
Number enrolled, 24.  
Average daily attendance, 22.  
Number neither absent or tardy, 18.

Those awarded perfect attendance certificates were as follows: Charlie Meyers, Bernice Everett, Vernon Everett, Ruth Randall, Lili Meyer, Lester Coss, Vernon Coss, Josephine Schultz, William Schultz, Beulah Coss, Leslie Curry, Charlie Robinson, Glenna Hedrick, Bessie Sterling, Flossie Gunn, Ross Meeklen and Edith Hedrick. Nellie Langford, Teacher.

### Big Day In Real Estate.

This has been a prosperous year in Great Bend and a big year in real estate. The big closing event is to be an auction of city real estate on November 25 and 26, the two days after Thanksgiving. Do not fail to attend.

Arthur E. Taylor & Co.

Orr Patterson was in Newton on business this week.

Dr. T. S. Venard was down from Ness City this week.

Fred Merritt is home from Montana to recuperate from a long siege of illness.

Elias Jennison has gone to Oklahoma to visit his son, D. J. Jennison and family.

H. E. Turek, J. C. McCracken, and George Trump were up from Ellinwood Wednesday afternoon.

The school house in the Armstrong district, northeast of the city, was destroyed by fire Tuesday evening. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Mrs. P. D. Lamoreux was the hostess Tuesday evening at a little party in honor of her friend, Mrs. Holmes, of Sterling, who is visiting in this city.

This has been a rather busy week around the court house—tax paying time has begun, and that together with district court being in session has brought a lot of folks in.

### Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Thursday, November 24th, is Thanksgiving Day. The national proclamation was issued several days ago setting aside that day as a day of Thanksgiving. Governor Stubbs issued the state proclamation yesterday. It reads as follows:

State of Kansas, Executive Department.

Thanksgiving Proclamation:—  
Conforming with the sound custom of the American people and in grateful acknowledgement of the blessings of God, I, W. R. Stubbs, governor of the state of Kansas, do hereby proclaim that Thursday, November 24, shall be observed as a holiday and that all unnecessary labor shall be dispensed with during that day. The bountiful harvest our state has enjoyed, the beautiful tranquility of our people and the great progress we have been allowed to make during the year point us to the duty of assembling in our churches on the day mentioned to give to our God proper and suitable thanks for these things.

I recommend that all unseemly pastimes be eliminated from our conduct on that day and that we carry our reverence to that high standard which so well becomes the genius and character of our great state.

Given under my hand and the great seal of Kansas this 14th day of November, nineteen hundred and ten.

W. R. Stubbs, Governor.

### The Music Club of Great Bend.

The citizens of Great Bend may well be proud of the effort of their Music Club, as public spirited, educational feature of the town's development. We are growing commercially, in civic pride, in every way, and our growth in appreciation of beautiful music should correspond with this.

The Music Club has two objects in view—one, to further the auditorium movement, and so furnish a place for such entertainments as The Fritz Huttman Co., and the other to establish a sinking fund so as to be able to bring such companies here at popular prices within the reach of all, making special concessions in favor of young musical students.

Whether or not they can do these things is for the citizens of Great Bend to decide. If they wish their sons and daughters to grow up intelligent musicians, they must certainly hear good music. If the club meets with the encouragement they confidently expect at the hands of the public, they will from time to time bring the very best talent here.

### Athenian Club.

The Athenian club met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Grace Newcombe. Mrs. Mary Zutavern gave a very interesting talk on Russian Greatest Sculptor. The rest of the afternoon was spent in an informal discussion of Russia—its people, its customs, and its history. At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Newcombe surprised her guests by serving delicious refreshments.

### Progress Club.

The Progress Club met on Monday of this week with Mrs. J. Ge Brinkman. The following program was given:

The Field of the Cloth of Gold—Mrs. McMullen.

Cardinal Wolsey—Mrs. Brinkman.

Elizabeth—Mrs. Barrie.

Sir Walter Raleigh—Mrs. Zutavern.

The program was concluded by a discussion of Canto I of Paradise Lost.

The club will meet next week with Mrs. Will Townsley.

If others fail to treat you right remember DOYLE the CLEANER is still your honest and truthful servant. We aim to please. The Great Bend Dry Cleaning Co. Cor 16th and Main. Phone 456.

Frank Bachlechner has bought the well driving and plumbing establishment from J. W. Luse and is prepared to do excellent work for all who may desire his services.

### Mrs. Hornbeck Dead.

Mrs. A. W. Hornbeck died very suddenly Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from heart failure. She had been walking about and had remarked that she felt better than for some time, and death occurred almost instantly. The death is a sad bereavement to the sorrowing husband and little son, who besides the many friends are left to mourn her death.

Mrs. Hornbeck had been suffering for some time with a tumor and weakened heart, and it was finally found that an operation would be necessary. A week ago last Tuesday she was taken to the hospital to remain until considered able to undergo an operation. No operation had been attempted yet, and she was thought to be improving in health when her sudden death occurred.

She was a woman who had a large circle of friends and who was loved and admired by those who knew her. A faithful and loving wife whose chief care was for her home and loved ones, the death is indeed a sad one. The husband has been nearly heart-broken since it was found that her health had been so impaired and the home has been a sad one for him since her departure.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church and always took an interest in its affairs. Besides her husband and little son, she leaves a sister, who lives in the state of Washington to mourn her loss. She was about forty years of age.

### Cameron.

Mary E. Cameron was born in Indiana in February, 1849, and died at Great Bend, Kansas, Monday, November 14, 1910 at 10:30 p. m. She moved with the family from Indiana to Iowa when but a child and lived there for several years. She was married to Henry C. Cameron in Iowa December 16, 1868. They moved from there to California, where they lived five years, and from there to Gallatin, Mo., where they resided for several years and then moved to Lone Oak, Ark., where they have lived for six years. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron arrived here from Lone Oak on the 20th of October, and visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dawson and attended a reunion of the Cameron family, Mrs. Dawson being a sister of Mr. Cameron. Mrs. Cameron had been sick for some time and was taken to the hospital here for treatment, where her death occurred of consumption. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, H. C. Cameron, and three sons and three daughters. The body was taken to Gallatin, Mo., where interment will be made.

### Kent.

Chas. Kent, a young man who was brought to the hospital a few days ago from the east part of the county, died Tuesday afternoon, and an effort is being made by the county authorities to find his brother, who it is supposed lives in Fort Worth, Texas. The deceased was a young man about 25 years of age and of late had been employed on the farm of Fred Steckel, near Ellinwood. He was suffering from tuberculosis of the knee and a dislocation of the hip, and was to have been operated on the day of his death.

### For Sale.

160 acres in Edwards county, Kansas. 2 miles from town, 140 acres in wheat and one-third goes with the place delivered in town; place all fenced, no other improvements. This is one of the best lying quarters in Edwards county. Price \$50 per acre.

160 acres, 1 mile from the city or Kinsley, in Edwards county, Kansas. Kinsley is the county seat. All bottom land, rich black soil and fine alfalfa land; about 130 acres in wheat; 7 acres in alfalfa, balance in pasture; good well, mill and tank; fenced and cross fenced; one-third of wheat delivered in Kinsley goes with the place. Price \$10,000. This is certainly a cheap quarter of land.

Write or call upon,  
C. E. SLAUGHTER, Kinsley, Kas

Lou Durand was a visitor from Hoisington Wednesday.

### Foster-Moses.

Miss Mae Foster and Mr. Earl C. Moses were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Foster, on East Lak- in avenue, on Wednesday evening the 16th, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. Rev. Brehme of the Congregational church performing the ceremony. Miss Irene Hooper sang, and Mrs. Walter Amend presided at the piano.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Foster, for several years residents of this city, and for many years residents of the northwest part of the county. She is an accomplished young lady, very popular with her set, and is an earnest worker in her church.

Mr. Moses, the groom, was born and raised in this city. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Moses, one of the oldest families in the county. He is a graduate of our high school, a gentlemanly young man who makes friends with all. He is in the office of the Moses Bros. Milling & Elevator Co., and has a bright future before him.

After the ceremony and refreshments, the young couple departed for a short trip. They received many handsome and valuable gifts and are starting on their journey of life under the most favorable circumstances. We join their many friends in extending our congratulations.

### Geimhardt-Reiff.

On Tuesday, October 18th, Will Reiff and Sylvia Geimhardt departed for Denver, Colorado, arriving there on Wednesday morning. At 10 o'clock they were united in marriage by Probate Judge Lambert. In the afternoon they went to the beautiful city park, and other sights of the great city. On Saturday they departed for Colorado Springs, taking in the Zoo and Stratton parks which are simply beautiful, and also attended the Lutheran church on Sunday morning. On Sunday afternoon they visited the north and south canon and Seven Falls, one of the greatest and most wonderful scenes to be seen, climbing the seven hundred steps to the top of the falls. In the evening they attended the M. E. church of Colorado Springs. On Monday they departed for Pueblo, staying there one day and leaving for home Tuesday, having fine weather and only one frost while on the trip.—Holyrood Banner.

### A Chance to See Great Bend Free

We will pay your traveling expenses of two cents per mile to and from Great Bend if you buy anything at the auction November 25th and 26th. Also we will furnish autos to show you the town free.

Arthur E. Taylor & Co.

There was a large crowd of people out to the Barker sale on Wednesday.

Mrs. Duane Hauser, of Hillsboro, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. E. Wickes, this week.

John Case this week received a visit from his sister, Miss Elizabeth Case, who lives up in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wilcoxon were down from Galatia Wednesday evening to attend the Foster-Moses wedding.

The Double Seven Dinner Club met with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dodge in their fine new home on 16th street on Wednesday evening and had a royal feed and a good time. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, of Denver, were special guests of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. William Otte, of Buffalo township, gave a reception on last Saturday evening in honor of their son, Mr. Henry Otte, and his bride. A large number of friends and relatives gathered at the home and proceeded to have a royal good time.

Henry Zimmer and family and Harve Ewing and family left the first of the week for the Pacific coast to spend the winter. Both these young men have labored hard on their farms for several years, in which they have of course been assisted by their help-mates, and now they are going to take a deserved rest and see some of the world. We hope they will have a more than pleasant trip.

### George McGill A Winner.

The many friends of Geo. McGill, a Barton county boy, will be pleased that he was elected county attorney of Sedgewick county at the recent election. This is one of the largest counties in the state, and the election of Mr. McGill comes as a recognition of his work as deputy in the office for the past two years. We join the many friends of the McGill's in extending congratulations to George as well as the other members of the family, most of whom still reside in this county.

### Logan Gets Change of Venue.

A change of venue was this week taken in the case of Logan, charged with the murder of Will Miller. At the evening session of court Tuesday, Judge Cole, for the defendant, made the application which was granted, and the case taken to Rice county. The grounds therefore being that it would likely be impossible to secure a jury in this county.

We may be misinformed on the subject, but we are inclined to think that the people of Barton are as fairminded as of any other county, and that the accused could have received an absolutely fair trial in this county. We do not believe that the defendant had anything to fear. He has been in the jail in this county for two months, and no one has molested him. The transferring of the case means an additional bill of expense for this county, and the witnesses in the case, all of which could have been avoided. We understand that the trial has been set for December 20th.

### Town Properties.

Some of the greatest fortunes have been made by buying property in growing towns. Great Bend is rapidly becoming an important town, and city property is going to make some one rich. Some one will get some bargains at our auction sale of city property November 25th and 26th. Will it be you.

Arthur E. Taylor & Co.

(George Bicknell, of Denver, was in the city this week on business.)

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Wyman and daughter have returned from their visit east.

Mrs. J. H. Triplett and daughter have returned from a visit with Kansas City friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Everett were up from Coldwater this week visiting their relatives in this county.

"Sheri" Dailey was taken to the hospital last week for a slight operation from which he is recovering very nicely.

Mrs. N. L. Wilcox has returned to her home in North Platte, Neb. after a nice visit with her niece, Mrs. C. L. Gunn and Mrs. D. G. Bird.

Miss Margaret Osmond was in Pratt this week, representing the Athenian club at the Seventh District Federation meeting.

A fire, the origin of which has not been located, cleaned out the scenery, curtains, and stage paraphernalia generally of the Elite theatre on Wednesday evening.

Miss Dorothy Dawson entertained a few girl friends on Saturday afternoon in honor of her twelfth birthday. In the evening all the young folks attended the Palace.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schuester, whose home is in Missouri, have returned there after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Will Dunekack and other friends in the west end of the county.

Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Luse were in Larned on Thursday evening of last week attending the tin wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. McCurdy.

Mrs. John Chapman has returned from Garden City, where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Guy Clayton, and husband, but more especially the new arrival at the Clayton home.

Miss Irene Hooper and Miss Grace Hayes entertained a number of young ladies Tuesday afternoon in the way of a miscellaneous shower for Miss Mae Foster. Delicious refreshments were served in a unique manner, and all present enjoyed the afternoon very much.